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SUBJECT: TIMEX DISPUTE

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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS SPOKE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF LABOR ON FEBRUARY 27 ALONG LINES REFTEL. SECSTATE WAS UNAWARE OF TIMEX BERMUDA TELEX. UPON CHECKING HE FOUND TELEX RECEIVED IN ENGLISH IN MINISTER'S OFFICE FEBRUARY 25; TRANSLATION PROBLEMS HAVE DELAYED REPLY BUT SECSTATE PROMISED REPLY BEFORE MINISTER ROSA LEAVES ON TWO-THREE DAY TRIP. THUS, MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE DURING WEEK MARCH 1.

2. ACCORDING SECSTATE FOR LABOR, TIMEX POSITION HAS BEEN TOO RIGID AND TIMEX MANAGEMENT NOW NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SOLUTION. SECSTATE OPINED THAT ULTIMATELY SOLUTION WILL BE ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY TIMEX BUT POLITICAL REALITY MAKES THIS SOLUTION UNFEASIBLE UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO DISCUSSED SITUATION, ALSO ALONG LINES REFTEL, WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY NORTH AMERICAN DESK
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OFFICER. DESK OFFICER STATED HE WOULD CHECK WITH LABOR

MINISTRY TO VERIFY WHETHER TELEX SENT AND WHETHER MEETING
AGREED TO BY MINISTER.

4. TIMEX MANAGER REPORTS THAT SECRET BALLOT ELECTION TO
BE HELD AMONG WORKERS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ACCEPT SHORTENED
(60 PERCENT) WORK SCHEDULE. RESULTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED
TO LABOR MINISTRY. WHATEVER RESULT, DECISION ON DISMISSALS
MUST COME FROM MINISTRY. WILL REPORT ELECTION RESULTS
AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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